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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

*A/B* ~~Page 1, before line 1, please insert~~ --This application is a continuation of application Ser. No. 08/516,478 filed on August 17, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_, which is hereby incorporated by reference...

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-36.

Please add claims 37-89 as follows:

--37. A method of operating a ventilator, comprising the steps of: